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Dear Sir.

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2006 (Paper No./Mail Date 20060319), in which the examiner imposed a restriction requirement, applicant provisionally elects, with traverse, for prosecution on the merits the invention identified in the Office Action as "I. Claims 1-12 and 14-27, drawn to a cone pulley, classified in class 474, subclass 28."

In addition to the restriction requirement, the examiner required election of a single disclosed species for prosecution on the merits. In response to that requirement, applicant provisionally elects the species identified in the Office Action as Species 1, Figures 1-2. The claims believed to be readable on the provisionally elected species are claims 1 through 11.

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It is believed that all the apparatus claims presently in the application, claims 1 through 12 and 14 through 27, should be considered on the merits on the ground they are related inventions that are similarly classified.

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The examiner is cordially invited to telephone the undersigned attorney if this provisional election raises any questions.

Respectfully submitted,

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